

#### Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

# **Notice of Public Information Meeting**

March 15, 2005, 7:30 p.m. Lake Wilson American Legion Lake Wilson, Minnesota

Draft Site Permit Available
For
Stoneray Wind Power Plant
EQB Docket No. 05-90-LWECS-Stoneray
in
Pipestone and Murray Counties

**EQB Docket Number 05-90-LWECS-STONERAY** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public information meeting on the application by enXco Development Corporation on behalf of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC, to build up to a 105 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system in Pipestone and Murray counties. The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Lake Wilson American Legion. Staff of the EQB and representatives of the applicant will be at the meeting to describe the EQB permitting process, the project and to answer questions.

## **Project Description**

The Stoneray Wind Power Plant (Project) is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of approximately 105 MW comprising up to 70 GE Wind Energy 1.5 MW wind turbine generator and associated facilities including power collection system, pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads. The 1.5 MW wind turbines will be mounted on top of free standing tubular towers. The towers will be 213 to 262 feet in height. The blades on the wind turbine are 126 feet long, resulting in a maximum overall height of 340 to 389 feet when one blade is in the vertical position. The rotor diameter will be 253 feet.

## **Proposed Site Location**

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project is located in parts of Rock and Burke townships in Pipestone County and Cameron and Chanarambie townships in Murray County.

## **EQB Site Permit Review Process**

Stoneray Power Partners, LLC filed a site permit application for the 105 MW LWECS project on February 2, 2005, which the EQB Chair accepted on February 16, 2005. The EQB is reviewing the Stoneray site permit application under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the EQB Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4401). Upon completion of the review requirements, the Chair will bring the record of this matter to the EQB Board for a final decision.

#### **Public Comments**

The site permit application Draft Site Permit for the proposed project is available on the EQB website at:

http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16219

Interested persons may comment on the site permit application and Draft Site Permit at the public meeting or may submit written comments by 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2005. Comments must be submitted to: Larry Hartman, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155; Tel: 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; Fax 651-296-3698; e-mail: <a href="mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us">larry.hartman@state.mn.us</a>

## **Project Contacts**

The EQB Chair has designated David Birkholz as the public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-2878 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us">david.birkholz@state.mn.us</a> and the EQB mailing address above.

Questions about the Stoneray application can also be directed to Nancy Tronsgard at enXco Development Corporation at (Tel: 612-746-0770) or <a href="MancyT@enxco.com">NancyT@enxco.com</a>.

## **Hearing Request**

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Larry Hartman (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The Chair shall order a contested case hearing if the Chair finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the EQB in making a final decision on the site permit application. The Chair may refer the request for a contested case hearing to the Board for a determination.

#### **Project Background Information**

Copies of the Stoneray Wind Power Plant site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Pipestone and Murray Counties, and the city offices in Woodstock and Lake Wilson. All documents are available on the EQB Web site at: <a href="http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16219">http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16219</a>.

